



## Iowa Department of Natural Resources

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### Iowa Green Veterans AmeriCorps Program

<b>Job Title</b>	AmeriCorps – Iowa Green Veterans (20 positions)
<b>Locations</b>	Service sites are located in the following Iowa counties: Boone, Cerro Gordo, Delaware, Dickinson, Emmet, Franklin, Linn, Muscatine, Polk, Pottawattamie, Warren, and Webster. Positions open to residents of all counties.
<b>Organization</b>	Iowa Department of Natural Resources
<b>Start Dates and Length</b>	October 17, 2011 – September 2012 (12 month term of service)
<b>Benefits</b>	\$14,700 Living Allowance \$5,550 Education Award Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance
<b>Job Description</b>	<p>The Iowa Green Veterans AmeriCorps (IGVA) program, based in the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, aids recently returning veterans in their transition to civilian life. Members will spend October through March assisting rural, low income, and elderly residents identify and implement energy improvements all while learning valuable energy job skills. March through September members will engage in disaster recovery efforts and stewardship activities in Iowa state parks.</p> <p>The IGVA program will connect military veterans with meaningful employment opportunities in the green jobs economy and the natural resources field. Our vision is that these opportunities will provide Veterans with the security of sustainable income for themselves and their families, professional advancement, a sense of personal fulfillment and purpose, and encouragement and support in being valued leaders and contributors in their chosen fields.</p> <p>Job duties include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Home weatherization that may include: caulking, weather stripping, replacing windows and doors, installing low-flow shower heads and programmable thermostats, installing insulation, testing homes for leaks and air infiltration</li><li>• Fundamentals of electricity, carpentry, and plumbing</li><li>• Reglazing windows</li><li>• Test homes for leaks and air infiltration</li><li>• Educate residents on household hazardous waste removal and recycling</li><li>• Perform a variety of semi-skilled and technical tasks using heavy equipment, chainsaws, skid steer, and other power tools</li><li>• Lead waste sort initiatives in state parks</li><li>• Assist with park beautification and enhancement efforts</li><li>• Remove brush and invasive species</li><li>• Restore native ecosystems and prairies</li><li>• Maintain program equipment</li><li>• Assist with disaster response</li><li>• Design and implement community service projects</li><li>• Complete all AmeriCorps requirements</li></ul>

During the term of service, Veterans may have the opportunity to learn about:

- Water treatment and distribution
- Weatherization certification
- Waste water treatment processes/management
- Lineman training
- Water quality testing
- Natural Gas Operator “boot camp”
- Underground utility management
- Electric metering
- Underground storage tank training
- Small utility GIS mapping
- Infrared thermography
- Gas pipeline welding workshops
- Metering workshops
- Plastic pipe retrofitting
- Trail construction

**Minimum  
Qualifications**

- Veteran who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable OR active duty military service member.
- Must have a high school diploma or GED.
- Must be available for all interviews and training as required.
- Some overnight travel required.
- Must have the ability to travel
- Must be a minimum of 18 years of age
- Able to work alone, with the public, in all conditions, on weekends, holidays, nights, and evenings as required.
- Work with minimal supervision, demonstrate responsible behavior and attention to detail
- Follow policy and cooperate with supervisors and co-workers
- Exhibits honesty and integrity.
- Works and communicates with internal and external clients and customers to meet their needs in a polite, courteous and cooperative manner.
- Displays a high level of initiative, effort and commitment towards completing assignments efficiently.
- Ability to climb ladders and work in confined spaces.
- Aligns behavior with needs, priorities, and goals of the organization.
- Capable of lifting loads up to 70 lbs. for short periods of time.
- Must demonstrate teamwork and display high standards of ethical conduct.
- Willingness to learn preventive maintenance for machines and equipment used on the job.
- Capacity to adjust to change.
- Pass federal background check
- Capable of using a variety of hand and/or power tools.
- Ability to produce quality work in a timely manner.
- Must be available for training in Guthrie Center the week of October 17 – October 21, 2011

**Post Close  
Date**

October 5, 2011

**To Apply:**

To receive full consideration, you must:

Send a cover letter, resume, and three professional references to Linda King at [linda.king@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:linda.king@dnr.iowa.gov)

**Questions:**

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